## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT BRANCH

Washington, D.C. 20570

## Via email

December 9, 2021

Re: FOIA Case No. NLRB-2022-000183

Dear Mr. Josh Bruegger (Littler-Mendelson):

This is in final response to your request, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, received in this Office on November 18, 2021, in which you sought "the charge document(s) filed" in *Iovance Biotherapeutics*, Case No. 04-CA-286267.

We acknowledged your request on November 18, 2021.

Your request is being closed at this time, as explained below.

NLRB Rules and Regulations state that if "a requester has previously failed to pay fees that have been charged in processing a request within 30 days of the date when the notification of fees was sent, the requester will be required to pay the entire amount of fees that are owed, . . . before the Agency will process a further information request." Further, the administrative time limits for responding to all other pending requests with this Agency will begin to run only after the Agency has received the required fee payments. 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(d)(2)(vi)(B)

You were advised by a member of my staff on November 19, 2021 that our review of the Agency's financial records showed that your firm, Littler-Mendelson, had not paid assessed fees with respect to thirteen previous FOIA responses. It was explained to you that because the firm had not paid those prior fees to the Agency (totaling \$240.50), no further search would be conducted, nor any records provided to you, regarding your instant FOIA request, until those prior fees were paid in full. I have attached the invoices again for your convenience. You indicated you would work with your firm's finance office to get those fees paid.

To date, the FOIA Branch has not received any payment from you or your firm. Therefore, your request has been closed.

This administrative closure is not an adverse determination. If in the future you wish to obtain these or any other NLRB records, you must first pay any unpaid FOIA fees, and then submit a new FOIA request that reasonably describes the records sought and includes an assumption of financial responsibility.

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You may contact Teresita Sanabria, the FOIA Specialist who processed your request, at (202) 273-4000 or by email at teresita.sanabria@nlrb.gov, as well as the Agency's FOIA Public Liaison, for any further assistance and/or to discuss any aspect of your request. The FOIA Public Liaison, in addition to the FOIA Specialist, can further explain responsive and releasable agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, and/or discuss how to narrow the scope of a request in order to minimize fees and processing times. The contact information for the Agency's FOIA Public Liaison is:

FOIA Public Liaison National Labor Relations Board 1015 Half Street, S.E., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Washington, D.C. 20570 Email: FOIAPublicLiaison@nlrb.gov

Telephone: (202) 273-0902 Fax: (202) 273-FOIA (3642)

After first contacting the Agency, you may additionally contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA dispute resolution services it offers. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS College Park, Maryland 20740-6001 Email: ogis@nara.gov

Telephone: (202) 741-5770 Toll free: (877) 684-6448 Fax: (202) 741-5769

Sincerely,

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Attachments: Invoices (13 pages)